

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR GAPT STATE SAFETY COMPETITION

1. The Georgia School Bus Driver Competition will be limited to two (2) drivers per school system for the Reg. Ed. competition (first and second place drivers) plus two teams per system (driver/monitor) for SpEd competition. Registration for entrance into the state competition must be submitted no later than the third (3rd) Friday of May to Kathy Mewborn, Secretary. (Contact information at bottom of 2nd page)
2. **ALL Reg. Ed.** drivers will be required to compete in a local competition. In competitions where multiple systems are competing at one local event, the scores will be grouped per system and the highest two scores in each system will be eligible for state competition. In the event that the first place driver in a system cannot attend, the second and third place drivers in that system may substitute. **ALL SpEd Drivers/Monitors** do not have to compete in a local event.
3. **For Reg. Ed. Drivers**, each system hosting a local competition must provide the committee with the names and scores of the two contestants representing their school system. Driver names and scores must be submitted no later than the third (3rd) Friday in May to Kathy Mewborn. Registrations received after the third (3rd) Friday may-not be accepted without prior approval by the committee and there will be no guarantee of a paid hotel room, shirt or give a-ways.
4. All contestants must have driven a regularly scheduled full-time route to and from school during the entire school year. Or, a driver must be a full-time substitute who drives different routes on a regular scheduled basis for the entire school year. An entire school year means, driving a bus on or before September 1st of the present school year. In other words, the driver must have at least one year of school bus driving experience and not just a few months to be eligible to compete in the current year state roadeo. Certification from his/her transportation director will be required.
5. **For Reg. Ed.** each host system will select a minimum of 8 events for their local competition. It is recommended that the competition events mirror those found in the competition manual located on the GAPT web site www.gaptonline.org. **The local competition must include a minimum of eight (8) events with any combination of their choosing from the fourteen (14) events of the State Safety Competition.**
6. The Committee requests that all host systems of local competitions permit drivers, who are in systems that do not hold a local competition, to compete in their local competition. As stated in rule #2, they will not be competing against your drivers, but competing with drivers from their school system.
7. In order to qualify for competition, a driver must hold a valid Commercial Driver's License (CDL) and meet licensing and certification requirements by the state of Georgia for School Bus Drivers. In addition, he/she must not have had a **preventable** school bus accident (as defined by the National Safety Council Safe Driver Award Program) since September 1, of the current school year.

8. The first place winner of Reg. Ed. & SpEd will be offered the opportunity to be sponsored by GAPT to attend the National/International Safety Competition. If they cannot attend, then the GAPT State Safety Committee will proceed down the list of the top ten winners to select a National/International participant. Other SpEd teams may compete in the National Competition at their own expense. They will be responsible for all the costs and registrations.

9. Under National/International rules, after the state competition has been completed, a driver cannot have had a **preventable** school bus accident prior to the National/International competition. In the event this was to occur, the process in rule #8 would be followed for the selection of a replacement driver.

10. No local competition driver will be eligible to compete in state competition unless he/she meets the above criteria.

Regular Education Roadeo Contestant:

The GAPT Safety Competition Committee will furnish each school system's 1st place Reg. Ed. contestant with a motel room for one night on the first day of the competition. Some systems may choose to have the second place Reg. Ed. contestant room with the first place contestant if appropriate. If systems need an additional room for their second place Reg. Ed. contestant, it will be up to the local system to arrange that room accommodation. Meals which are provided by GAPT will be for both 1st and 2nd place contestants.

Special Education Roadeo Contestant:

The GAPT Safety Competition Committee will furnish each school system's 1st place SpEd team with one motel room for one night on the first day of the competition: provided that it is two females OR two male contestants. If the first place team is a female and male contestant and they are not married, then two rooms will be provided. Some systems may choose to have the second place team room with the first place team, if appropriate. If systems need an additional room for their second place team, it will be up to the local system to arrange that room accommodation. Meals which are provided by GAPT will be for both 1st and 2nd place teams.